



# City of Seattle

Greg Nickels, Mayor

## Seattle Public Utilities

Chuck Clarke, Director

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Dear Interested Parties:

Seattle Public Utilities is pleased to provide you with this copy of the Consolidated Report on Water Supply in King County (Consolidated Report). This report contains extensive information on municipal water supply and projected demand from years 2001 through 2020 in the county. It builds on previous and ongoing planning efforts including the *2001 Central Puget Sound Regional Water Supply Outlook* (Outlook), and summarizes available information from many different sources. In addition, the report provides new information on needs of small water systems (less than 500 connections) that was intentionally not included in the Outlook (due to scope of work limitations). While municipal water supply issues are the primary focus of this report, also provided is a discussion on the Endangered Species Act and instream flow issues related to water supply.

The Consolidated Report is the most comprehensive report to date addressing municipal water supply issues in the King County area. It is hoped that the data it provides will aid local and regional water planning efforts and enhance coordination among the many entities with water supply, land-use management and regulatory responsibilities. This report is not intended to be a water supply plan for King County. It does not prescribe certain solutions for any given utility projected to have a water supply shortfall prior to 2020. Instead, it outlines numerous potential solutions such as enhanced conservation, water reuse, storm water utilization, conjunctive use, enhanced storage, etc. for utilities to consider in meeting their projected demands. In addition, for small systems with projected shortfalls, it offers a detailed multi-pronged strategy for meeting the supply needs of their customers.

Seattle and other water suppliers throughout the three-county area (King, Pierce and Snohomish Counties) remain in discussion with counties in the region through the Central Puget Sound Water Suppliers' Forum (Forum) as to the best vehicle for regional water supply planning. The Forum also acknowledges that many other parties including the state, the tribes, watershed planning groups, environmentalists, businesses and others need to be involved in making decisions about how our region will meet the water supply needs of both fish and people. Furthermore, the Forum is actively working with the state and other stakeholders to develop a Central Puget Sound Initiative that is aimed at jointly addressing the water needs of fish and people.

We want to thank the representatives of the various organizations (noted on the report) that helped improve this document by providing information and comments as it was being developed. If you have questions about this report, please call my staff members Celia Kennedy (206-684-4606) or Bruce Flory (206-684-5859).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chuck Clarke".

Director, Seattle Public Utilities